

**The evening of May 10, 2025  
Hilton El Conquistador  
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# CANDACE GEARY



Candace is the proud and dedicated mother of two sons, Quincy and Wesley, and the loving and supportive wife of 26 years with her husband Reggie. Candace has profound empathy for those going through hardship, particularly young people. Having been diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes as a child, she deeply understands the impact of a life-changing diagnosis at a young age. In 2018, when Candace lost her mother, the grief was overwhelming for her and her boys who were in their first year of high school and middle school at the time. Candace made it her priority to help them process their grief in a healthy and supportive way as grief presented differently for each of them. Now, she draws on these experiences to connect and empathize with others facing similar struggles, offering support and guidance as needed.

As co-chair of the University of Arizona's Parent and Family Association Advisory Board, she supports students and families in adjusting to college life, helps address their needs and concerns across campus, as well as foster a welcoming environment. Her commitment extends to serving on the board of the Father's Day Council of Tucson, which partners with the Steele Children's Research Center at the University of Arizona to raise awareness and funding for Type 1 Diabetes research. A passionate advocate for the performing arts, Candace works as the Front of House Manager for Saguaro City Music Theatre, volunteers with Arts Express Theatre, and is the founding president of the Catalina Foothills High School parent booster club for their outstanding theatre program. Candace's kindness, community spirit, and dedication to uplifting those around her make her a model of integrity, empathy, and active citizenship.

# LIZ RODRIGUEZ MILLER



Liz is mother to three children, Andréa (51), Matthew (48) and Meredith (41), and Nana to ten grandchildren. Raised by her Mother and Nana, she is proud of her Mexican-American heritage. Her career in public service spans over 30 years, beginning in Tucson's public libraries. She was Director of the City-County public library system before being appointed Tucson's Assistant City Manager, and later Deputy City Manager. She is the first Latina to hold each of these leadership roles.

Liz and her beloved husband of 50 years, Marc A. Miller, together experienced many joys and confronted many challenges. In 2022, they dealt with Liz's breast cancer diagnosis and treatment. The following year, Marc died unexpectedly. Finding solace in her Catholic faith and with assistance from her children, family, friends and local professionals, Liz has been on a journey to process her grief. She in turn has helped

loved ones with their sorrow. Her courage in the face of loss has strengthened the family's bond.

Liz advocates for the well-being of children, women and those in need, with a special focus on information access and literacy. She's volunteered, served on Boards and supported various local groups, including Literacy Connects and Catholic Community Services, looking to create opportunities and brighter futures for people across our community.

# MICHELE ORDOÑEZ



Michele is the proud mother of five children: Renee (24), Jazlyn (18), Mila (5), and twins Louie and Annabelle (7), who tragically passed away. Michele's journey into motherhood began at the age of 16 when she had her first two daughters, Renee and Jazlyn, while finishing school and supporting her family as a single mom. After meeting her husband, Luis, and marrying in 2016, they eagerly wanted to expand their family.

After experiencing two complicated pregnancies, Michele was advised not to try for any more children. When her doctor suggested IVF, Michele and Luis were overjoyed to discover that they were expecting twins. Unfortunately, the twins were born prematurely at 23 weeks and 1 day. After 42 hours, Louie passed away, and after spending 7.5 months in the NICU, Annabelle also lost her battle. The family

was devastated by their loss. Months later, their fertility doctor informed them that they still had a viable embryo. This led to the birth of their rainbow baby, Mila, in 2019.

Michele has channeled her grief into meaningful action. She volunteers at Ronald McDonald House, donates blood whenever possible, and, alongside Luis, established "Annabelle and Louie's Loving Libraries" to support NICU families at Banner, St. Joe's, and TMC hospitals. Michele works as a Project Administrator at McCarthy Building Companies and is a passionate mentor to women in the construction industry, serving as a member of The National Association of Women in Construction.

# RHONDA LEINBERGER



Rhonda is mother to two children, Amanda (32) and Madison (27). She sacrificed everything for her daughters when her loving husband John died of colon cancer in 2009. She lost her mother in 1997 when she was a young mom and also lost her Dad to dementia a few years before losing her husband.

As Rhonda was experiencing all of this, she was determined to keep life on track for her two daughters. Throughout this journey, she continued to work, take care of John, and stay attentive to the needs of their daughters. The grief took a great toll on her, but she kept things together for her family through her strength and amazing support system in the community. Rhonda, Amanda and Maddie all attended group at Tu Nidito. Rhonda and Maddie attended Children-to-Children, and Amanda attended the Young Adult group. They were all touched by the connections they made at Tu Nidito

and inspired through sharing their experience with others who also experienced loss.

Rhonda is a Senior Marketing Strategist at iHeart Media and has been with the company for almost 20 years.

# MICHELLE RUIZ



Michelle is mother to two children, Ashley (23) and Tyler (18). She is the CEO of TMCOne, the provider network of TMC Health.

Michelle has been a leader in the healthcare community for more than 20 years. She is focused on expanding access to care for adults and children alike, building an environment that is accessible and innovative. Michelle is viewed as a mentor by professional women starting a career in healthcare administration, providing support, guidance and inspiration.

Apart from raising her own children, Michelle has stepped up in the midst of a family tragedy. Her sister-in-law suddenly passed away in July 2021, leaving her brother-in-law alone to raise four children (Karsen, Kenna, Kamryn and Kaseten) under the age of eight, including one with special needs. Michelle

helped coordinate the family's move from Alabama to Tucson, where she could better assist the grieving family. Michelle did not hesitate to step up when her family needed her, and ensured that despite the tragedy, her brother-in-law and the four children would have the help and support they needed to move forward.

# Sponsorship Opportunities

## \$25,000 Goodbye Yellow Brick Road

**SOLD OUT!**

- Exclusive title Sponsor
- Preferred seating for 20 guests
- Guest Welcome
- Logo on invitation and event signage
- Fullscreen digital display ad
- Premiere placement on digital media including website, eblasts and social media posts
- Dedicated social media post
- Article in Tu Nidito's "News from the Nest" newsletter
- Grief Education workshop presented by Tu Nidito experts at your location

## \$10,000 Rocket Man | 2 Available

- Official sponsors of the silent auction
- Logo displayed on online auction post
- Preferred seating for 10 guests
- Logo on invitation and event signage
- Fullscreen digital display
- Dedicated social media post
- Grief Education workshop presented by Tu Nidito experts at your location

## \$6,500 Crocodile Rock

- Preferred seating for 10 guests
- Logo placement on on event signage and printed materials
- 1/2 Screen digital display ad
- Recognition on Tu Nidito website
- Grief Education workshop presented by Tu Nidito experts at your location

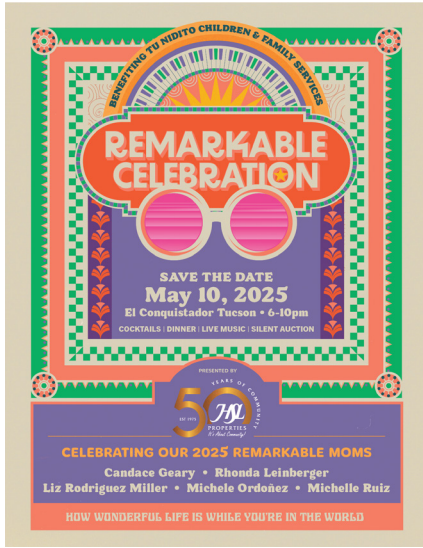
## \$5,000 Bennie and the Jets

- Preferred seating for 8 guests
- 1/2 Screen digital display ad
- Recognition on Tu Nidito website
- Featured in social media posts

## \$3,000 Tiny Dancer

- Preferred seating for 8 guests
- Logo displayed during the event
- Listing on Tu Nidito website

# 2025 Sponsorship Agreement



The Remarkable Celebration 2025 will transport you on a journey through time with *Candle in the Wind*, *The Elton John Experience*, in a tribute to an artist who has entertained us through the decades. We'll honor five Remarkable Moms on Saturday, May 10, 2025 and will gather at the Hilton El Conquistador Tucson for an inspiring evening of celebration and entertainment.

**Please reserve the following sponsorship:**

**\$10,000 Rocket Man**

**\$5,000 Bennie and the Jets**

**\$6,500 Crocodile Rock**

**\$3,000 Tiny Dancer**

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**Our Mission:** To create a community of acceptance and understanding for those grieving a serious medical condition or death.

# The Remarkable Celebration





 = Our Remarkable  
Moms who are no  
longer with us

BENEFITTING TU NIDITO CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES

## Honoring Our Remarkable Moms Through The Years


### 2002

Ro Bagatell  
Kathy Bell  
Ginny Clements  
Jannie Cox  
Odiemae Elliot   
Cele Peterson   
Stella Schaefer

### 2003

Joan Diamond   
Jan Harrison  
Nancy Kinerk  
Helaine Levy  
Dyan Pignatelli  
Susan Prust  
Pam McNair Wingate



### 2004

Carmen Canchola   
Cheryl Cox  
Maxine Henig  
Pat Likins  
Barbara Peck  
Millie Rockafellow  
Kathy Zillman


### 2005

Sarah Cohen  
Carlotta Flores  
Linda Immerman-  
Stoffers  
Joellen Rannow  
Kay Sullivan  
Wendy Walsh



### 2006

Alfie Norville   
Barbara Koch   
Barbara Farmilant  
Mary Gaylord  
Wadia Sarah



### 2007

Marcia Eubanks  
April Fenton  
Jeannette Mare  
Mary Alice Nieto   
Cindy Parseghian

### 2008

Barbara Atwood  
Teri Busey  
Paulette Gootter  
Margaret Larsen   
Gail Leland 


### 2009

Georgeanne Fimbres   
DeeAnne Gibbons  
Jean Gorman  
Teena Sandstrom  
Beth Walkup 

### 2010

Vicki Began  
Joan Brock  
Carol Gaxiola  
Cathy McCall  
Debbie Rowe


### 2011

Mary Laughbaum  
Leslie Maier  
Cheron Mayhall   
Debbie Rich  
Adriana Rincon

### 2012

Kim Bourn  
Jody Comstock  
Roxanna Green  
Marjorie Rees  
Jackie Tofel

### 2013

Charlotte Harris  
Josefina Iturralde   
Alice Steinfeld  
Celia Valenzuela  
Erin Vincent


### 2014

Tiana Ronstadt  
Page Marks  
Neelam Sethi  
Karen Hess  
Dr. Donna Fulton

### 2015

Erin Achilles  
Jana Westerbeke  
Angel Lock  
Marcella Padres  
Villaseñor  
Linda Breck

### 2016

Bonnie Allinder  
Corby Lust  
Jeanette Clifton   
Donna McDermott  
Amy Haskell

### 2017

Cris Cisco  
Dr. Mary Cochran  
Lori Dallman  
Czarina Lopez  
Michelle Morgan

### 2018

Lani Baker  
Jenine Dalrymple  
Soozie Hazan  
Maya Luria  
Judy Wood

### 2019

Julie Wolfe Beadle  
Pam Grissom  
Anna McCallister-  
Nichols  
Nancy Sweitzer  
Terri Zarling

### 2020 - 2021

Kirsten Cloutier Grabo  
Ketenna Barrasso  
Serena Jain Scott  
Donna Crawford  
Ellen Yasmer

### 2022

Anita Rubio  
Adiba Nelson  
Beverly Tidwell  
Beth Justice Cole  
Cristina Baena

### 2023

Laura Baker  
Linda Hardy  
Ann Lovell  
Sylvia Quigley  
Laurie Nelson  
Wetterschneider

### 2024

Mimi Coomler  
Cindy and Anne Jordan  
Wendy Kurtin  
Marsha Moon  
Melissa Ritchey  
Yvette Rodriguez

### 2025

Candace Geary  
Rhonda Leinberger  
Liz Rodriguez Miller  
Michele Ordenez  
Michelle Ruiz